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I fail to understand how most of the proposals would result in the lifting of the current fish consumption advisory. It seems that this would be a minimal goal for restoring the Willamette partially back to what many would consider a useful status. The many persistent pollutants were put there by our collective and private actions for which our economy reaped some public and private benefit. This proposed cleanup is likely the only practical possibility to take both public and private responsibility for those past decisions and hold us accountable for our past actions.

I would support cleanup option "G" with amendments that clearly state a goal of removing the fish consumption advisory for all individuals as it relates to the pollutants found in the Portland Harbor. As an avid recreationalist, I believe that a healthy Willamette is vital to the economy of the Portland area and critical to retaining the popularity of our part of the Pacific Northwest as a destination for outdoor enthusiasts. Having recently visited Iceland and having experienced some of their revitalization due to their investment in their natural resources, I believe that any proposal that relies much on "Monitored Natural Recovery", seriously underestimates the potential economic gain that a cleanup effort focused on removing the stigma of the current fish consumption advisory could achieve.

This river, the harbor, and the downtown riverfront is critical to the continued evolution of Portland's use of its natural resources as a keystone in the development of outdoor focused economic development. With this state's land use and public waterfront usage laws, Portland and Oregon have a unique advantage in developing the business opportunities that will continue to drive a sustainable economic driver for the near future. Please do not underestimate the importance of the cleanup effort as a foundation for this potential economic growth. There is nothing I can think of as sustaining the image of Portland as a destination for outdoor activity than the image of catching healthy fish in the heart of our downtown.